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It is a rare instance for any off-campus part-time study centre when one of its students gets a star-studded transcript. Abd Sukor Md Yusoff topped his entire MBA class, both on-campus and off-campus, and was awarded a gold medal at the university's recent convocation.

He studied the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) MBA degree as a part-time student.

The honour was shared with another student who took the course on-campus.

Both received the award from the university's chancellor the Sultan of Kedah.

The Rezzen centre in Penang where Abd Shukor studied, and another Rezzen centre in Kuala Lumpur has good reason to rejoice over this accolade.

During the day, Abd Sukor worked full-time for Telekom Malaysia as an assistant general manager, heading the contact centre in Penang.

During weekends, he attended a seven-hour class taught by UUM lectures. In addition, he took web tutorials outside office hours, facilitated by the same lecturers and participated by his classmates.

His research was conducted through the

Hard work pays off

use of UUM's virtual library where he could access books, journals and articles his lecturers had posted on Rezzen's learning management system.

The lecturers were encouraging, taking him through theories and case studies from books and their own practical experience and made them easy to understand.

According to Abd Sukor, other critical factors led to his success, one being that the Rezzen Penang learning centre has a good environment with a professional atmosphere.

The use of off-campus centres was also the product of "smart" partnerships. UUM has partnered with Rezzen for close to 11 years, graduating students together year by year.

Corporations such as Telekom Malaysia has a forward-thinking human resource policy.

It invited Rezzen to market courses that

would upskill its staff.

Consequently, its staff who took UUM courses not only gained skills but also filled the top rungs of high-achieving students.

Rezzen, as an approved training provider recognised by the PSMB (Pembangunan Sumber Manusia Berhad) or HRDF (Human Resources Development Fund) Ministry, can help companies leverage on their large training levies to pay for such high-value training.

UUM is also moving to gain international accreditation for its MBA degree, which will soon allow them to have international partnerships with similarly accredited organisations.

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Abd Sukor posing with his scroll and gold medal.